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PSC ISSUES DECISION IN SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY UTILITY COMPANY RATE CASE

Jefferson City (March 4, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has issued an order which authorizes South Jefferson County Utility Company to increase sewer revenues by approximately \$7,000 effective for service rendered on and after March 4, 2002.

Based upon a thorough review of the Company's books and records, it was determined that a rate increase was necessary to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the sewer system. For a residential sewer customer, sewer rates will increase from \$9.00 to \$11.78 a month.

On June 21, 2001, South Jefferson County Utility Company filed a water and sewer rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Company sought to increase water revenues by approximately \$12,600 and sewer revenues by \$12,600 a year.

Based upon an audit of the South Jefferson County's books and records, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission recommended a sewer rate increase of approximately \$7,000 a year. This amount represents the net effect of a sewer increase of approximately \$11,200 and a decrease in water rates of approximately \$4,200. Staff recommended the revenue changes be combined so that only sewer service rates were changed. The PSC Staff stated that in its opinion, netting the revenues was reasonable because the company serves only 212 residential customers, each having both services.

On February 25, 2002, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a position statement which stated that OPC agreed with the proposed tariffs.

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